

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES  
CAPOLUPO

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Delaware County, Pennsylvania's finest educators. Dr. James Capolupo, the Superintendent of the Springfield School District, has dedicated his life to educating our youth. Jim began his career as a music teacher and band director at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Dr. Capolupo held positions as Acting Principal, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Elementary Education, and Director of Teaching and Learning.

In 2005, Dr. Capolupo became Superintendent of Springfield Township's School District. Under his leadership, Springfield School District has become a model for successful and effective instruction. During his tenure, 100 percent of graduating seniors have gone on to college and 100 percent of students in the 4th grade that began in kindergarten are now reading at or above grade level.

Jim has earned the respect of teachers, parents and administrators around the state. He has taken every opportunity to share his methods and thoughts with those who seek them. In just the last five years, representatives of more than 120 school districts have visited Springfield to learn about the district's successes. Jim's conversation with his fellow educators has ensured that their districts start to see some of the same stellar results that Springfield has enjoyed.

Dr. Capolupo earned national recognition earlier this year when he was named a finalist for "National Superintendent of the Year" by the National Association of School Superintendents. Dr. Capolupo earned this distinction as one of just five superintendents across the country for his "model of uncompromising dedication to literacy and academic achievement."

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Capolupo and the entire staff at Springfield School District for their hard work on our children's behalf, and I congratulate him on his well-deserved honor this year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF JAMES RANDALL "RANDY" BROWN

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's beloved James Randall "Randy" Brown, who passed away on

September 16, 2013. One of Mr. Brown's many great qualities was his constant desire to serve his neighbors. The passing of this kind-hearted man will undoubtedly be felt throughout the entire Northwest Florida community.

A lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast and servant to its people, Mr. Brown graduated from Milton High School in 1960, where he was President of his senior class and the Key Club. Following high school, he received his degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. Knowing that his heart remained in Northwest Florida, he returned home to begin his chosen profession. Mr. Brown had a remarkable career, serving as an employee of Gulf Power for over forty years. His tenure at Gulf Power allowed him to work throughout Northwest Florida, beginning in Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach and later in Niceville and Milton, where he was promoted to managerial positions.

Mr. Brown also spent much of his time serving his community through his work with numerous organizations, including President of the Niceville Chamber of Commerce, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Power Company Credit Union, Fort Walton Beach Lions Club, and Santa Rosa County United Way. His charitable efforts also led to Habitat for Humanity coming to the Fort Walton Beach area where, true to form, he served a term as President.

Mr. Brown would undoubtedly tell you that his greatest achievement, besides being the head of his wonderful family, was his dedication to spreading God's word. He served as an ordained deacon in numerous churches throughout his life and was also pivotal in erecting churches throughout the area, namely the second Immanuel Baptist Church building in Pace and the Florosa Baptist Church in Mary Esther. In a testament to his teaching and leadership ability, a number of the students from the churches at which Mr. Brown taught later became pastors and missionaries themselves. We are truly blessed to have had such a great public servant dedicate his life to the people of Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life and service of Mr. Randy Brown. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Betsy; children, Jay and Stephanie; mother, Ruth; sister, Ann; brother, Greg; four grandchildren, Cody, Jon Jay, Tyndale, and Eli; great-granddaughter, Brooklyn; and the entire Brown family. He will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

A TRIBUTE TO WESTRIDGE  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Westridge School for Girls, of Pasadena, California, as it celebrates its Centennial Anniversary, with the theme, Our Chosen Path: Founding Values for a New Century.

In 1913, in an era when women had not yet received the right to vote, Mrs. William Brackenridge and other parents persuaded Miss Mary Lowther Ranney, a noted architect and teacher, to open a school for girls in her home on the "west ridge" of town; thus, Westridge School for Girls opened with 21 students, with the motto: Surgere Tentamos, meaning, "We Strive to Rise." In 1914 and 1915, the tradition of community and international service was established with Christmas dinners and gifts provided for local families in need and the adoption of war orphans in Europe. Miss Amie C. Rumney became co-principal in 1917, and in 1918 the first Inlook appeared, a literary and fundraising project where charitable contributions were sent to organizations such as the Russian Relief and the China Famine Fund. In 1919, the school honored its first graduate, Harriette Jansen, as well as the establishment of the Athletic Association.

The cornerstone for the main building, designed by Marston, Van Pelt, and Maybury, was laid on June 8, 1923 on the site of Miss Ranney's original house/school, and in October of that year, was ready for use when 135 students were welcomed to their new school. In 1924, the school strengthened its academic department and college preparatory curriculum, an "On to College Club" was created, Smith College admitted its first Westridge graduate, and in 1927, the Westridge Alumnae Association was formed. By 1930, enrollment in the school had grown to 185 students. In 1935, the Westridge Parents Association was formed, and in 1937, the school was purchased from Misses Ranney and Rumney and became a non-profit institution governed by a Board of Trustees. The 1940's and 1950's saw the beginning of summer school classes, the addition of other properties, and the building of new classrooms, tennis courts, and an endowment fund for scholarships. In the 1960's a program was formed to encourage minority enrollment, which now comprises half of the students. The 1970's and 1980's were a time of growth for the athletic program, and the 1990's were typified by the integration of computer technology into academic life, and physical expansion to accommodate new programs. In 2005, the Fran Norris Scoble Performing Arts Center, named after longtime Head of School Fran Scoble was opened, and in 2009, Elizabeth McGregor became the 11th Head of School.

For 100 years, Westridge School for Girls' fundamental belief is that women have the right to be fully educated in an environment that engages the intellect, heart, body and soul, and that to be rewarding and useful, knowledge must be grounded in an ethic of caring and commitment. The school's founding values remain and continue to provide the guiding principles for the next century. I ask all Members join me in honoring Westridge School for Girls upon the celebration of its Centennial Anniversary.

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